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Senate Chamber
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Governor Roy Cooper
20301 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699

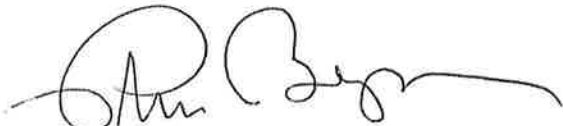
Dear Governor Cooper,

We understand that you spoke on behalf of Senate Republicans during a press event yesterday and mischaracterized our body's budget position. We have outlined the Senate Republican caucus's budget position to you below, in writing, to avoid any future mischaracterizations.

We wish to pass into law a budget for the 2019-21 biennium. We believe that this budget can and should reflect compromise between the House, Senate, and Executive Branch. We believe that this budget should not be held hostage over your Medicaid-or-nothing ultimatum. We support the conference report provision endorsing a special session dedicated exclusively to health care access issues, including your top priority of Medicaid expansion. We oppose your ultimatum that no 2019-21 budget will become law unless the legislature first passes Medicaid expansion.

With respect, we do not presume to speak for you or your positions. We request the same courtesy in return.

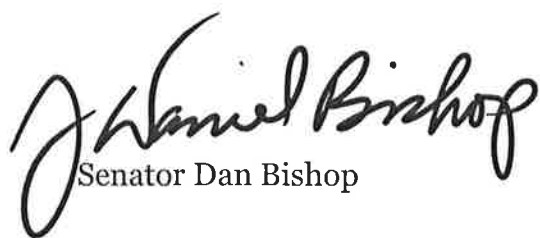
Sincerely,


Senator Phil Berger


Senator John Alexander

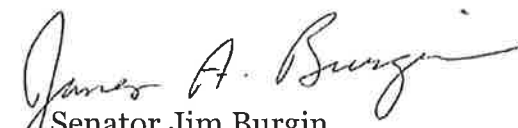

Senator Ted Alexander


Senator Deanna Ballard


Senator Dan Bishop



Senator Danny Britt


Senator Harry Brown


Senator Jim Burgin


Senator Warren Daniel


Senator Jim Davis


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Senator Carl Ford


Senator Eddie Gallimore


Senator Rick Gunn


Senator Kathy Harrington

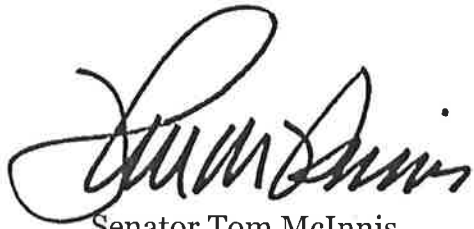

Senator Ralph Hise


Senator Rick Horner


Senator Brent Jackson


Senator Todd Johnson

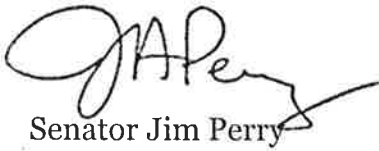

Senator Joyce Krawiec



Senator Tom McInnis



Senator Paul Newton



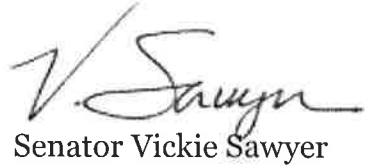
Senator Jim Perry



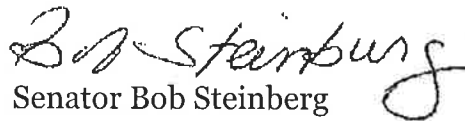
Senator Bill Rabon



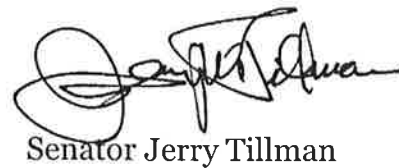
Senator Norm Sanderson



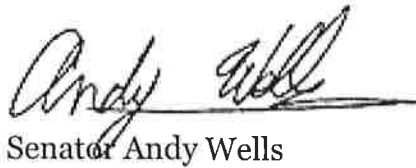
Senator Vickie Sawyer



Senator Bob Steinberg



Senator Jerry Tillman



Senator Andy Wells